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# BEST Things in Life Aren't THINGS

*Relationships formed during college days  
often last a lifetime. An understanding of  
how people relate to one another is a major  
focus of the psychology program.*



**Dr. Vicki Sheaffer,**  
*assistant professor of  
psychology,  
heads LeTourneau's  
newest major.*

There's a poster that is prominently displayed in Dr. Vicki Sheaffer's office: "The Best Things in Life Aren't Things."

According to Sheaffer, who heads LeTourneau's new psychology program, the poster represents concepts she hopes to instill in her students: the value of relationships and an understanding of how those relationships impact everyone.

"People often misunderstand the study of psychology. Some even see it as

'anti-Christian' and are opposed to studying it at all," said Sheaffer. "But psychology is the study of people, how we think, act and react. It's how humans relate to each other and to their surroundings. As Christians in an ungodly world, we will relate to people with much different view points from our own. Our challenge is to examine not just what we believe, but why we believe it. We must understand ourselves if we want to be effective witnesses."

Sheaffer has served at LeTourneau since 1994. She earned her doctorate in social psychology from Miami University (Ohio). A psychology minor had been available for many years at LeTourneau, but the discipline was only offered as a major after Sheaffer began her service here.

**In this issue we  
take a look at the  
Liberal Arts  
Division and  
introduce the  
University's  
newest major:  
Psychology.  
See pages 2 and 3.**

Like other disciplines within the Liberal Arts Division, psychology has a far-ranging impact on the campus. Sheaffer estimates that 95 percent of all LeTourneau students will take at least one course in psychology before they graduate. "At the beginning of the Intro. to Psychology course, I will have students from the technical majors who wonder aloud why they need to take the course. But as the course progresses, these same students become more and more interested in the subject, and begin to see its value," said Sheaffer.

The psychology program has a slightly different focus than other more applied programs. Unlike technical majors, where a bachelor's degree is typically all one needs to enter the profession, for most psychology majors a degree from LeTourneau is merely the first step in a longer academic journey. "Most psychology majors will go to graduate school. Part of my job is to help prepare these students to be ready for it. That grad school will most likely be a secular one, since there are so few Christian graduate universities. So I not only counsel them on how to get accepted and be academically successful there, but how to be prepared for what they will face. They will have to defend their faith position; be tested and challenged. They have to come to understand what it means for them to be a Christian psychologist, counselor or social worker," said Sheaffer.

The program is flourishing. Introductory psychology classes are some of the largest on campus, with 40 or 50 students in each section. There are now 38 declared psychology majors, with many more expressing interest in the program. Sheaffer is excited about the way the program has grown and the potential for ministry LeTourneau grads can have. "There is a great need for deeply committed Christians in this field," she noted. Plans are underway to hire a second professor, who will begin teaching this fall.



**Dr. Vicki Sheaffer (right) reviews graduate school application forms with senior Donna Neely. Most psychology majors go on to graduate training.**

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## President's Message

### THE ROLE OF LIBERAL ARTS

In each issue we seek to focus on a different or unique program of the University.

This issue, we focus upon the Division of Liberal Arts, its people and its programs. As an introduction, let me seek to provide some guidance to your understanding of the role of

liberal arts at LeTourneau.

#### All our students are deeply touched by the liberal arts division.

First, let me state that the term "liberal," as used in the context of "liberal arts," has nothing to do with either a spiritual or political position that is on the other end of the spectrum from "conservative." It has no relationship with studies that advocate liberalism. The liberal arts are subject areas that provide a person with a broad understanding of the world, versus those specific subject areas

that are more professionally or technically focused. Liberal arts areas would typically

include literature, history, languages, philosophy, religion, the basic natural and mathematical sciences and the fine and performing arts. It contrasts with majors that emphasize a more focused knowledge about a specific field, such as aviation, business, engineering and technology and computer science.

It's interesting to note that even though most of our students major in a technical or professional field, we are technically considered a "Liberal Arts College" by the U.S. Department of Education and the Carnegie Foundation. People learn of our designation and sometimes assume that there has been some change from our traditional emphasis on aviation, engineering and technology. Nothing is further from the truth, but our size, type of student, and funding levels place us in this category. In reality, it is a misnomer for most institutions to be labeled as a "liberal arts college." There are very few 'pure' liberal arts colleges remaining. Most have a majority of their students majoring in a professional or technical area.

We have nearly 100 students with academic majors in the liberal arts. But all of our students are deeply touched by the liberal arts division. The University provides a core group of courses in the liberal arts for all students. What helps differentiate a college/university from a trade/technical school is the fact that all students, even those in the most rigorous of professional or technological majors, are provided a broad foundation of learning that helps them understand and appreciate the culture in which we live, how it became as it is, how to function in it, and what the unique role of a Christian should be in relation to it. We call these courses the liberal arts or general education core. This core includes required studies in English and literature, math and computer science, the natural sciences, history and social science, humanities and biblical studies.

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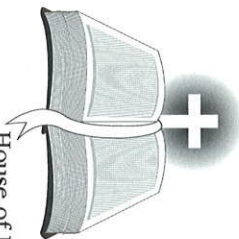
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The liberal arts program at LeTourneau University plays an important role in all areas of our educational program. Enjoy learning more about it as you read this issue.

### TEARS ON THE BIBLE



The little boy was 5, his older sister 7. Earlier that day, they had come in with their mother to the House of Peace Women's Shelter, fleeing an

abusive situation at home. As a volunteer, my job was to spend time with the children in the shelter, helping them in any way I could.

"Let's draw some pictures," I suggested, and the children eagerly began to draw. The boy drew a stick figure, then 'dressed' it using the most flamboyant colors in the crayon box.

"That's sure a colorful person," I noted.

"It's a coat of many colors, just like the boy in the Bible story had," he said earnestly.

"You mean Joseph and his coat of many colors?"

"Yes ma'am," he replied politely. "My mama told me about him--and lots of other stories from the Bible, too. She used to read to us all the time at home before we had to come here."

We spent the next few minutes comparing notes about our favorite Bible stories. Both the children knew dozens of them.

The session ended, and after the children were in bed, I sought out their mother. "Your children know so many Bible stories. It's so good to see how you have taught them the Word of God."

Immediately her face clouded. "I can't read to them any more! We had to leave our house in such a hurry that I couldn't take anything. I don't care about anything else I left, but I ache

inside knowing I had to leave my Bible." Then, responding to my unspoken question, "They have one here, but I left my glasses behind, too. And the print in the Bible here is too small to read."

I went home pondering the depth of Christian commitment in that mother. She'd had to flee her home. She had left everything she had. But all she wanted was to be able to have a Bible she could read.

I was a graduate student then, and could hardly wait for the day's classes to be over. Money was tight, but I knew what I needed to do. I rushed to the closest Bible bookstore and bought a Bible with the largest print I could find, then drove immediately to the shelter. It was late in the day and I found the mother in the shelter's kitchen, helping prepare the evening meal. I called her name and when she turned she saw I had a Bible in my hands.

"It's for you. I think you'll be able to read this," I said with a quaver in my voice.

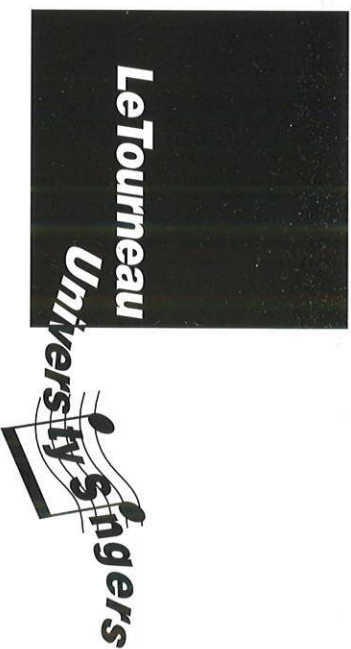
She opened the Bible to a favorite passage and began to read aloud. Then just as suddenly she stopped. Her eyes were filled with tears, great big tears of joy, spilling down her face and dropping onto the pages of the book. Not just any book, THE book, the book that meant more to her than anything else.

*This article was adapted from a chapel talk given by Dr. Vicki Sheaffer, assistant professor of psychology.*





The LeTourneau Singers are one of several LeTourneau musical groups, and officially represent the University around the country in more than 50 concerts each year.



## Singing Unto the Lord

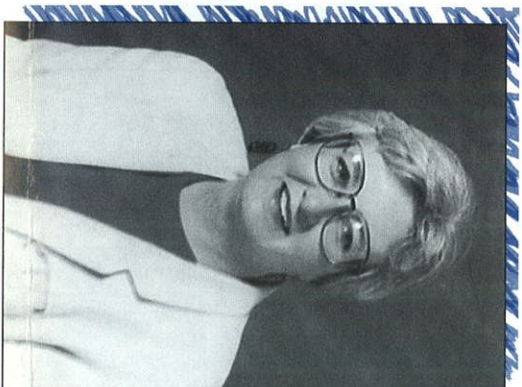
You can almost hear what the congregation is thinking: "They blend beautifully. They sing with confidence and real expression. They have wonderful voices. Certainly they all must be music majors."

When the LeTourneau Singers introduce themselves, audiences are always surprised to learn that there is not a music major in the entire group. Not even one. There is no music major at LeTourneau; no music minor either. There are business majors, electrical engineering majors and aviation technology majors, but no one majors in music.

But no major does not mean there is no program. Under the capable direction of Mrs. Patricia "Pat" Carmack, music is a potent force at LeTourneau, involving dozens of students.

The University, through the Division of Liberal Arts, offers five 1-credit music courses, each tied to a specific group or ensemble. Students wishing to participate in a group enroll in the course and may apply that credit toward their degree. In addition to the LeTourneau Singers, the University sponsors a men's chorus, a men's quartet, a stage band and the University Choir. Each group performs several times during the year on campus and in the community. The LeTourneau Singers also travel throughout the region and country representing the University in some 50 concerts each school year.

The Singers just completed an eight-day Spring Break trip through the Southeast, singing in churches and Christian schools in Panama City, St. Petersburg, Ft. Charlotte, Okeechobee, Largo and Niceville, Fla.; and in Vicksburg, Miss. "It was a time of great spiritual blessing for our Singers, and we believe the Lord allowed us to have a wonderful ministry," said Carmack.



Mrs. Patricia Carmack

Director Pat Carmack is in her sixth year at LeTourneau. She holds a bachelor of music education degree from Texas Christian University and a master of education degree from Stephen F. Austin University. She has more than 20 years experience as a choir and music director, composer and pianist.

Under Carmack's tutelage, the music program has thrived. The Singers have gained a national reputation for excellence. The men's chorus recently was featured in a regional Barbershop Quartet convention concert, and is among the most popular singing groups at Hootenanny, the University's annual Spring variety show. The stage band, which includes staff and faculty instrumentalists in addition to the student performers, has added a wallop to LeTourneau's home basketball games.

"People listen to the LeTourneau groups, especially the Singers, and discover that these students have great musical abilities. We are very proud of our musicians and what they have accomplished. They are truly using the talents God has given them," said President Alvin Austin.

## FACULTY RESEARCH SHEDS LIGHT ON BIBLICAL TIMES

Heavy teaching loads leave little time for extensive faculty research, but Dr. Lawson Younger, associate professor of biblical studies and member of the liberal arts division, has managed to juggle his teaching responsibilities and make a significant contribution to this discipline.

Younger's specialty is Old Testament studies, with a focus on the time covered in the biblical books of Joshua and Judges. He has written/edited two books, 15 scholarly articles and presented a dozen papers on various aspects of the ancient times of the Bible. His research has been published by major evangelical publishers such as Zondervan, Baker and Eerdmans. He is currently working on several articles and has two books which are slated to be published this year and next. In 1996, the monumental *Context of Scripture*, Volume I, will be published by E. J. Brill, Leiden. Younger is associate editor, working with internationally respected Assyriologist W.W. Hallo of Yale University. This book is a compilation of ancient Near Eastern texts which shed light on biblical passages. More than 50 scholars have analyzed texts in Egyptian, Babylonian, Assyrian and other languages which are related to biblical events.

Younger is not alone in his passion for biblical scholarship. Dr. Hobert Farrell, professor and coordinator of biblical studies, has written more than a dozen articles which appear in Baker's *Encyclopedia of the Bible* and another five articles for Baker's *Dictionary of Biblical Theology*. His specialty is New Testament studies.



Dr. Lawson Younger's office provides an excellent atmosphere for his research in Old Testament studies.

## THE LIBERAL ARTS DIVISION AT A GLANCE:

**MAJORS:**  
Biblical Studies, English, History-Political Science, Psychology,  
**Minors:** Biblical Studies, Cross-cultural Studies, English, History-Political Science, Psychology, Spanish Studies.

**LOCATION:**  
The Liberal Arts Division is located in Heath-Hardwick Hall. Most courses are taught there or in Longview Hall.

**FULL-TIME FACULTY:**  
Paul Kubricht, Chair; Martin Batts, Joy Dennis, Kenneth Carolyn Fox-Hearne, Phyllis Marshall, Isabelle Seeger, John Stuber, Marybelle Tutt, Sarah Watson.  
Staff members Patricia Carmack (music director), LeRoy Ramsey (missionary-in-residence) and Robin Galiano (student publications) are also members of the division.

**PART-TIME FACULTY:**  
Jean Carlson, Steve Coleman, Shelley Chapin, Carolyn Fox-Hearne, Phyllis Marshall, Isabelle Seeger, John Stuber, Marybelle Tutt, Sarah Watson.  
Staff members Patricia Carmack (music director), LeRoy Ramsey (missionary-in-residence) and Robin Galiano (student publications) are also members of the division.

**FACULTY EXPERIENCE:**  
Dr. Ken Durham has served on the faculty since 1964, longer than any other faculty member at the University. Three other Liberal Arts faculty have 20 or more years experience at the University.

**STUDENTS WITH A LIBERAL ARTS MAJOR:**  
94.

This includes education majors whose primary major is English or History-Political Science.

**PERCENTAGE OF LETOURNEAU STUDENTS WHO WILL TAKE ONE OR MORE LIBERAL ARTS COURSES DURING THEIR TIME AT THE UNIVERSITY:**  
100%





Zac Webb

## Student Zac Webb with the Lord

Senior Zac Ross Webb, a mechanical engineering major from Whitehouse, Texas, died from a heart attack Dec. 18, 1995. He was 40. He is survived by his wife, Wanda, his two children, Christin and Nathan, and his parents, Troy and Mary Ross Moser.

As an adult student, Webb had to juggle multiple responsibilities while studying in a demanding academic program. Yet he approached his studies with enthusiasm and diligence, and demonstrated a deep commitment to his Lord. The faculty, staff and students of the University will deeply miss Zac, and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family.

## Hot Air Balloon Project Takes Flight

It was an interesting sight: an 18' high all-black hot air balloon straining to soar skyward inside the barn-like ATP building on campus. The nylon envelope slowly inflated as it filled with hot air from a propane burner until it reached capacity and assumed the familiar hot air balloon shape. Within just a few minutes it reached its full lift capacity, bumping gently against joists and girders.

Senior mechanical engineering students John Walter and Caroline Soliman, under the supervision of engineering professor Dr. Bill Thrasher, have undertaken a most unusual senior design project: to develop a solar powered hot air balloon. Assisted by Walter's fiancée, Lynn Peacock, a student at Kilgore College whom Walter describes as "a wonderful help to us," the pair are working to overcome one of the major problems in hot air ballooning: the need for massive (and weighty) amounts of fuel to keep the balloon inflated with hot air.



The design team pauses for a photo with their faculty mentor. Pictured from left to right are John Walter, left, Lynn Peacock, (a Kilgore College student and John's fiancée), Caroline Soliman and Dr. Bill Thrasher, professor of mechanical engineering.

"The team's goal is to improve the thermal characteristics of balloon design. By incorporating solar energy, they hope to design a balloon that uses no propane during the day, conserving it for the night hours," said Thrasher. By conserving fuel, a balloon could go much farther and longer in long-distance and endurance competitions. "The black balloon is just the first step," said Thrasher. Originally, the team thought that a black balloon would absorb enough of the sun's energy to help heat the air inside. But 75 percent of the energy stays on the skin and does not penetrate to the inner air. Now the team is working on a new design which will be essentially transparent, but with black absorption panels hanging inside the balloon. They are also working on a more effective propane system to develop more hot air than is now normally produced.

The experimental balloons for the project are being donated by Longview balloon manufacturer Thunder and Colt. The team has been working together for several months and plans to complete the project by April. Prior to his unexpected death, student Zac Webb was also part of the design team and contributed greatly to the effort. "We're dedicating this to Zac. Where we are today is very much because of his work. We really miss him," said Caroline.

## 414 Graduate in Longview and Houston Ceremonies

It was another record setter with 414 students graduating in three commencement programs held in December.

The graduates represented over 30 different associate, bachelor and master degree programs ranging from aviation technology and business management to welding engineering. They came from 112 cities and communities throughout Texas, 21 other states and six foreign nations.

Graduates participating in the programs included those completing study programs in Dallas, Bedford, Houston, Longview and Tyler. Graduates from the Houston area participated in a program held at Metropolitan Baptist Church in Houston December 9. Graduates from all other locations participated in two programs held on the Longview campus in the Assembly Building.

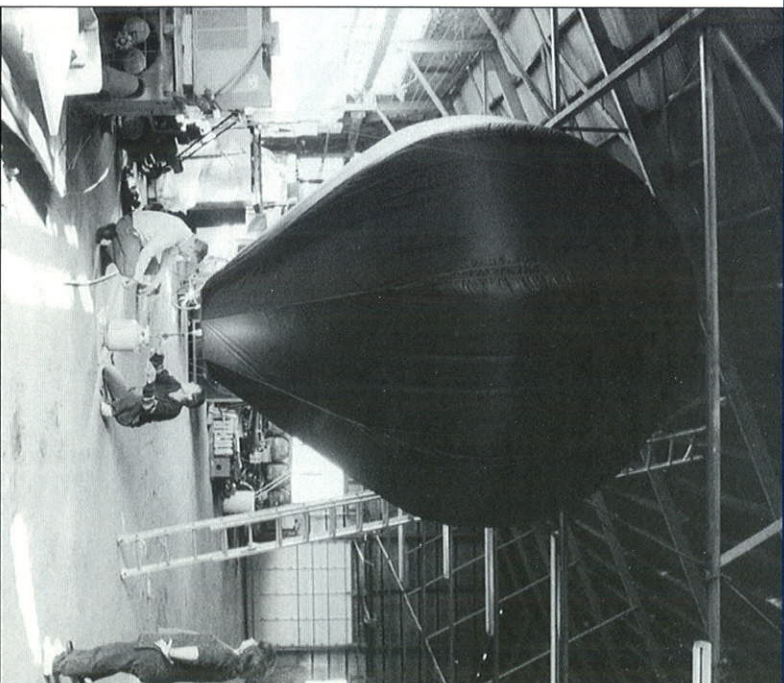
Dr. Donald K. Campbell, president emeritus and professor emeritus of Bible exposition, Dallas Theological Seminary, delivered the commencement address at the two Longview commencement programs. He spoke on the need to remember our mission as followers of Christ, no matter what career path we choose.

The Houston commencement address was delivered by Dr. Glenn Sumrall, LeTourneau University vice president for academic affairs. He spoke on the challenges and requirements of effective leadership.

Michael Aran, Union City, Pa., earned his bachelor of science degree in aviation technology with business option, one of 414 graduates who formed the largest-ever graduating class. Pictured with Mike is his sister, Angela, who is a junior at the University.



## Up & Away



Dr. Bill Thrasher and senior John Walter inflate the experimental balloon prototype inside the ATP building. Working inside prevents wind gusts and provides a more controlled setting for measurements.

## Accreditation Reaffirmed

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), the regional accrediting association for colleges and universities in the southern states, has reaffirmed the accreditation of LeTourneau University, according to Dr. James T. Rogers, executive director of the SACS Commission on Colleges. The Association, which is based in Decatur, Ga., also moved LeTourneau from a level II institution (associates and bachelor degrees only) to a level III, authorizing it to offer master's level degrees, and approved LeTourneau's Houston Education Center.

Member institutions of SACS must have their accreditation reaffirmed every 10 years. LeTourneau was last reaffirmed in 1986. The accreditation process takes approximately two years and includes a campus-wide self-study and an intensive peer review through a site visit by representatives of SACS member institutions.

According to Dr. Alvin O. Austin, LeTourneau president, accreditation by SACS indicates that LeTourneau has met or exceeded a stringent set of academic, fiscal and management criteria which encompass all aspects of the University. Regional accreditation is nationally recognized as the most important indicator of educational quality. "To receive the official statement of reaccreditation from the Southern Association is further affirmation of the quality of programs, faculty, staff and students that are the essence of LeTourneau University," said Austin.

The reaffirmation of accreditation process and the move to Level III was directed by Dr. Donald Connors, executive assistant to the president.



# LeTourneau University's First Fifty Years

*This is the third in a series of excerpts from Dr. Ken Durham's new book commemorating the history of LeTourneau University:*

## A New Generation: LeTourneau Becomes a College

A number of adjustments were made when the school changed its name from an Institute to a College in 1961. Two of the major changes were becoming coeducational and adding liberal arts to the curriculum. It was hoped that having the school become coeducational would boost enrollment and improve the campus atmosphere.

One of the seven women who enrolled in fall 1961 was Ellen Bancroft. She and other early coeds, such as Karen Livers and Miriam Rosentrater, felt accepted by both the male students and the large-

ly male faculty, and none of them recalled any feelings of discrimination. Their presence, however, did bring changes in the behavior of the men. Bob Shepherd admitted, "Their presence changed certain ways of life. A guy had to start cleaning up a little bit, maybe wash his overalls. It was all very positive." The faculty was also glad to have the women. The faculty member who was perhaps most delighted with the admittance of women, however, was

Martin Page, a young, single, engineering professor upon whom the coeds played pranks. He responded with a few tricks of his own, which soon led to his dating and eventual marriage to Ellen Bancroft. The coed enrollment rose steadily during the next 10 years, reaching 29 in fall 1963, 50 in 1964, and 110 in 1971.

--excerpted from *LeTourneau University's First Fifty Years*, by Dr. Kenneth Durham. This beautiful coffee table edition, filled with 200 pictures, is now available for \$29.95, which includes shipping.

A beautiful 10-minute 50th anniversary video is also available for \$9.95. Prepared by professional videographer (and L. U. alumnus) Dean Waskowiak, this award-winning production traces the history of R.G. and Evelyn



**The Women's Residence Hall lounge, about 1969. Women were first admitted to LeTourneau in 1961.**

## Mom LeTourneau's Recipes for Living

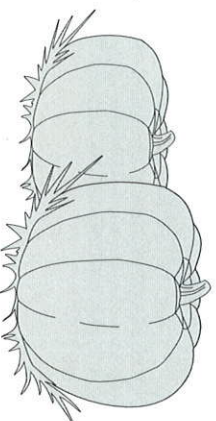
A popular NOW feature during the 1970s and 1980s was the recipe by co-founder Evelyn "Mom" LeTourneau. During our 50th anniversary year we have been reprinting some of those recipes that our readers still use.

Mrs. Ginny Boyle, wife of Army chaplain and "4 grad Major James Boyle, shares her favorite recipe and these comments: "I usually make Mom LeTourneau's recipe for "Elegant Pumpkin Dessert" when I go to a potluck, and often when we have company. I have won 2nd-place and 3rd-place in two pie contests I entered. While we were stationed in Germany, if I failed to bring my pumpkin dessert to our chapel's monthly single soldiers dinner, the soldiers would ask for it. I am regularly asked for this recipe, and I always give Mom LeTourneau the credit."

### Elegant Pumpkin Dessert

Mix together pumpkin, milk, eggs, sugar, salt and spices, and place in a 9x13" pan. Sprinkle cake mix over all. Sprinkle with nuts. Pour melted butter evenly over the whole thing and bake for 1 1/2 hours in 325 degree oven. Knife should come out clean when done. Cool and cut in serving pieces (12). Top with the whipped cream or whipped topping.

- 1 can (1 lb. 13oz.) pumpkin
- 1 can (13 oz.) evaporated milk
- 4 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 1/2 cups white sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. ginger



- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. cloves
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 pkg. (18.5 oz.) yellow cake mix (pudding type)
- 1 cup melted butter, whipped topping or sweetened whipped cream

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# SHAPING TOMORROW CAMPAIGN UPDATE \$500,000 "Longview for LeTourneau University" Campaign Hits Halfway Mark

Just two months since LeTourneau announced a \$500,000 Longview fund-raising campaign, the University has already raised more than half the campaign goal, said LeTourneau President Dr. Alvin O. Austin.

"At our annual President's Associates banquet in November, we announced plans for our first-ever Longview Campaign for LeTourneau University," said Austin. "Mr. Rogers Pope, Chairman of Longview Bank & Trust and Mr. Earl Roberts, Jr., partner in the law firm of Roberts, Hill and Calk have agreed to co-chair the local campaign to raise \$500,000 for the University's \$16 million 50th Anniversary Capital Campaign, *Shaping Tomorrow*. In just over two months since the Longview campaign was announced, we have concentrated on securing initial gifts to give us the momentum for a major public campaign. I am pleased to report that we have surpassed the halfway mark with over \$250,000 in gifts and pledges. Major corporate contributors to this preliminary phase of the campaign are: Longview Bank & Trust, SWEPKO, Texas Eastman, Bank One, The Bruce McMillan, Jr. Foundation, and Capacity of Texas, Inc. Individuals include Dr. and Mrs. Bill Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Roberts, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Bright, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Asbury and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Forbis."

A leadership team for the campaign has been formed with specific areas of responsibility including the Industrial, Financial Services, Medical and Professional, and Individual divisions.

Austin concluded his remarks by noting: "We are excited about the response from the Longview community. We are proud of our East Texas heritage and we want to build on our growing partnership with Longview. We feel that LeTourneau's recognition by *U. S. News & World Report* as "one of America's Best Colleges", as well as "one of the most efficient" and a "best buy in education", has solidified a national reputation for excellence. We are glad to offer a significant dimension to our community through our traditional education program and our continuing education and summer camps program. We would like to challenge our community to look at LeTourneau University and join us in shaping tomorrow."



Dr. Alvin Austin and Earl Roberts, Jr., announce that the "Longview for LeTourneau" campaign has reached the halfway mark after just two months. The campaign goal is \$500,000 and is part of the overall \$16 million three-year "Shaping Tomorrow" national fund-raising campaign. Roberts, along with Rogers Pope, is co-chair of the local campaign.



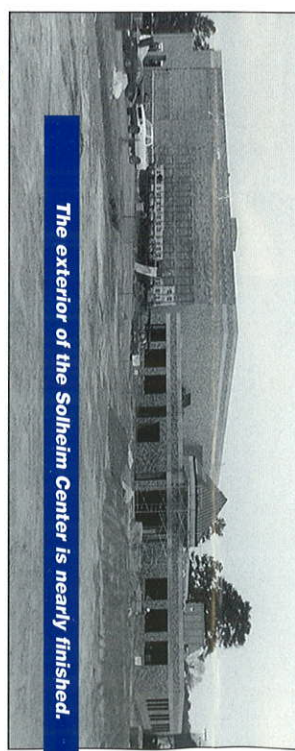
Much of the focus is now on the interior. A metalsmith places ductwork for heating and air conditioning.

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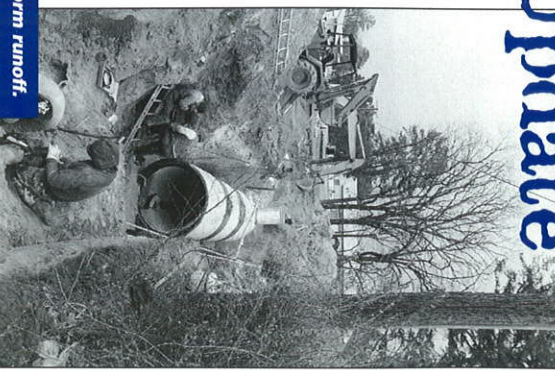


The exterior of the Solheim Center is nearly finished.

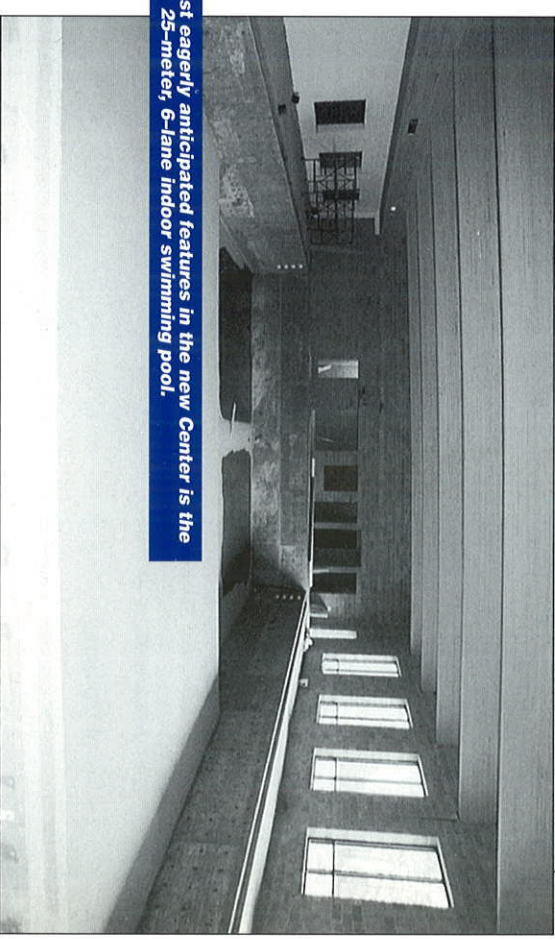
## Solheim Center Update

A mild winter with below-normal amounts of rainfall has helped to push the Solheim Recreation and Activity Center construction ahead of schedule. At the current rate of construction, the \$7.1 million facility should be ready by mid-summer, several weeks earlier than previously anticipated.

The Solheim Center is a direct result of the *Shaping Tomorrow* campaign, a three-year, \$16 million dollar capital campaign in honor of LeTourneau's University's 50th anniversary. Current giving to the campaign stands at well over the half-way mark, and is approaching \$10 million.

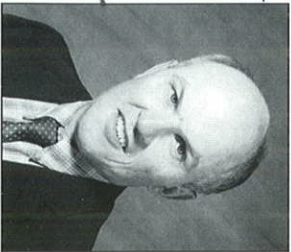


Workers lay the drainage system for storm runoff.



One of the most eagerly anticipated features in the new Center is the 25-meter, 6-lane indoor swimming pool.





by Dr. Richard Beach  
Athletic Director

# Yellowjackets

## 'Jackets win Big State Soccer Title

The Yellowjacket soccer team edged East Texas Baptist University, 3-2, in overtime to win the Big State Athletic Conference soccer tournament in early November. The tournament championship was the high point in a 1-11-1 season for Coach Steve Barrett's squad.

James Wright, a junior defender from Grimsby, England, earned first team All-American honors from the NCAA. Wright was also named First Team All-Big State Conference, as were sophomores Robert Bellows (Ft. Worth) and Justin Hogg (Longview).



Some of LeTourneau University's biggest basketball fans have never set foot on the Longview campus. Yet when the 'Jackets are in Houston, these fans—students and family members from the Houston Educational Center—turn out in large numbers to boisterously cheer on the boys in blue and gold as they face rival Houston Baptist University. Pictured in this 1995 photo are L.U. fans cheering for the team.

## Cross Country Team 6th at NCAA Nationals

The Yellowjacket cross country team placed 6th at the 1995 NCAA (National Christian College Athletic Association) national meet held in Cedarville, Ohio, in late November. This tied the highest finish for a LeTourneau team at that meet in the last 17 years. Brent Lann (Longview, Texas) and Justin Rodes (Meriden, Idaho) led the way, with both breaking the 28-minute barrier in the 8K event. The 6th place finish tied that achieved by the 1983 and 1993 squads. This year's team compiled a 35-22 record in dual meet comparisons against other teams.

## L.U. Athletics on the Internet

Cyberspace in the locker room? Not exactly, but if you have access to the Internet you can now follow the 'Jackets on the "Web." There is a WWW site where you can keep up with LeTourneau sports:

- Game results and schedules are available on the athletic department page at <http://www.letu.edu/info/athletic>.
- John Inman, longtime sports editor of the *Longview News Journal*, writes a bi-weekly sports column which can be accessed at the LeTourneau Internet site.

## Roden Hangs Up Running Shoes

Dr. Ken Roden, cross-country coach for the past 18 years, has announced his retirement as coach effective at the end of the academic year. Athletes coached by Roden earned four All-American awards, and Brad Erickstad, the finest runner in the history of the program, was a semi-finalist in the 1984 Olympic trials. A number of Roden-coached runners have qualified for the Boston Marathon, one of the most prestigious road races in the world. Roden will continue teaching in the math department. He was inducted into the NCAA Hall of Fame, in mid-March.

## Hoopsters Off and Running

The men's and women's basketball teams just finished the season at press time. Both teams competed in the Big State Conference, with that schedule presenting some real challenges for both squads.

The LadyJackets finished 20-10, winning the conference title,



while the men finished the Big State with a 4-10 conference record. Both squads played difficult schedules, including a number of NCAA Division II teams. Junior Tracy Pepper of Tatum, Texas, leads Coach Mary Ann Orwell's women's squad averaging about 23 points per contest. Aaron Kraub, a senior guard from Harrisburg, Penn., paces the



Senior Aaron Kraub, Harrisburg, Penn., led all men's scores this season.

Yellowjackets of Coach Bill Robinson, also averaging around 23 points each outing.

## LadyJacket Volleyball Struggles

The LadyJacket volleyball team experienced improved play toward the end of their season but some tough competition limited their season record to 7 wins and 17 losses. The LeTourneau ladies, coached by first year mentor, Madeline Jackson, claimed fourth place in the Big State Conference, compiling a conference record of 4-4. They played nationally-ranked Houston Baptist University in the first round of the conference tournament, losing that match in three games to close out the 1995 campaign.

Deanne Lee, a senior outside hitter from Ore City, Texas, earned First Team All-Big State Conference honors.

## Be a 'Jacket Booster

The LeTourneau University Athletic Booster Club is up and "flying."

We invite you to consider becoming a charter member. Write for a brochure

(Athletic Department, PO Box 7001, Longview, TX 75607) or call the Athletic Department at (903) 233-3370. Join the 'Jacket Boosters!



## LATE-BREAKING NEWS...

## LadyJackets Compete In NAIA National Tourney

Following their heart-stopping upset of conference favorite East Texas Baptist University, the LadyJackets traveled to Jackson, Tenn. to represent the Big State Conference at the NAIA National Division I Women's Tournament. They drew #1 seed Southeastern Oklahoma and were eliminated 86-51 in the first round. "I'm very proud of our LadyJackets! They are only in their second year but made it to the nationals. We are very optimistic that this will be the first of many appearances there," said Athletic Director Richard Beach.



## Dallas Faculty Win Kudos for Research

Balancing a full-time career with part-time faculty responsibilities would normally be enough of a load for most of LeTourneau's adjunct faculty. But despite multiple time commitments, many of the faculty in L.U.'s adult programs have managed to undertake scholarly research projects. Here's a brief listing of some of the projects from our Dallas Center in the past year:

- Dr. Marshal Horton has presented several papers: "Mortgage Securities and Tests of Market Efficiency" and "Toward a Testable Model of Effective Development of Critical Thinking Skills for Adults." Dr. Horton is a full-time faculty member.
- Dr. Jim Johnson had five legal research articles published during 1995, some involving co-authors. Each of these articles concerned environmental law topics, often treating environmental ethics issues. Dr. Johnson was a featured speaker in Boston at the Society of Wetland Scientists' annual meeting.
- Dr. Ralph Kauffman publishes a regular economic analysis in NAPMinsights, a monthly publication of the National Association of Purchasing Management and presented papers in purchasing and consumer marketing at conferences in California, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Wisconsin and Australia during 1995.
- Dr. Arthur Parry has written a series of articles on applying rigorous methods to Bible study including "The Axioms of Intercession," "The Necessary and Sufficient Conditions for Faith," and "The Infinite Transforms of Grace." He is also developing a paper on health care project team management with his son, Professor Mark Parry, of the University of Virginia Darden School of Business.
- Dr. Harvey Solganick presented his "Postmodern Prescriptions," at the LeTourneau Faculty Development Workshop in Dallas in October 1995, drawing upon his publication, "Creating Critical, Constructive Consciousness Across the Curriculum". He is working on his dissertation for a second Ph.D. at the University of Texas at Arlington.
- Glenn Vestrat co-wrote an article entitled "The Post Arkansas Best Environment: Tax Implications for Energy Hedgers," which was published in the "Petroleum Accounting and Finance Management Journal".
- Denise Young's latest publication is titled "Sources of Form 941", published in the IRS Research Bulletin ("Publication 1500").

## GRADUATE, ADULT CONTINUING STUDIES DIVISION

### "They Wouldn't Let Me Quit!"

Nancy Wollam (BSBM '95) understands the power of caring. Her degree from LeTourneau University is a direct result of classmates, professors and staff who simply would not let Nancy quit without earning her diploma.

In 1987, Nancy battled cancer that nearly took her life and seemed to extinguish any dream she had of completing her bachelor's degree. It was all she could do to provide for herself and her family. She could not quit her job to go back to college. But then she learned about LeTourneau University's adult degree completion program, which would allow her to return to the classroom by going to school at night.

*"They were  
determined to help  
me earn my degree."*

In 1993, Nancy enrolled in the bachelor of business management degree program in Houston. She attended the weekly evening class and took part in a small study group. "From the very beginning of the admissions process, I was encouraged that I could finish my degree, and could attain my long-sought goal," she said.

Then disaster struck. Her father's health declined and he went into a coma. Nancy's long trips to her hometown, unending hours in the hospital, along with her full-time job, decimated her study habits. She saw her degree dreams dissolving.

"But my classmates and the LeTourneau folks would not let me give up. They were determined to help me earn my degree. I would not have graduated from LeTourneau if my classmates and professors had not loved and supported me in my time of need." "The Dans," as Nancy calls classmates Dan Miller and Dan Sawyer, were especially encouraging, taking time to go over Nancy's assignments and meeting to tutor her. Instructor Mark Bennett and staff members made special efforts to call Nancy and answer her questions, constantly encouraging her to persevere.

Twenty-nine days after he went into a coma, her father revived. He was on the mend, frail but recovering. Still too ill to travel, he called Nancy on graduation day last December to congratulate her and thank her classmates. "Daddy is convinced that the Lord let him live to see me graduate from LeTourneau. God used my classmates, my instructors and the LeTourneau staff to minister to me and pull me through," she said.

LeTourneau University created the LeTourneau Education for Adult Professionals degree program to meet the educational needs of working adults who wanted to complete their degree but had been stymied by work, family and other obligations.

In Longview, Dallas, Houston and Tyler, the University offers bachelor of business management (B.S.B.M.) and master of business administration (M.B.A.) degree programs.

LeTourneau's adult program isn't easy. It's a rigorous, professional program that is comparable with other more traditional degree programs at the University, but offered in a format designed for working adults.

The B.S.B.M. program can be completed in as little as 18 months. The M.B.A. takes approximately 23 months.



**In spite of crisis, Nancy Wollam always had the support of classmates and professors, encouraging her to complete her degree.**

## Houston Prof Has Global Outlook

Dr. Milton Womack reaches Old Testament Principles for LeTourneau University in Houston, but it is a verse from the New Testament that motivates him. "My mandate is Ephesians 4:12, to use my gifts to equip God's people for work in His service, to the building up of the body of Christ."

Womack, with his wife Mary Anne, is co-founder of Cornerstone Programs International, an organization which assists missions organizations to select, train and retain missionaries, and helps current missionaries better deal with the psychological and educational problems they face overseas. Current projects are underway in Russia, Japan and the United States, with plans to move into Iraq this year.

**Mr. Milton Womack stands on a street in Bibay, Bashkirstan, which is located in central Russia. Through the mission he and his wife started, Cornerstone Programs International, he is assisting missions projects in Russia, Japan and the U.S. He is also an adjunct professor at LeTourneau's Houston Education Center.**

